

## BAD FOR HAINS.

### Yacht Club Members Help Prosecution's Case.

### THREATENED ALL ON THE DOCK

Accused Man Criticizes the Evidence Given and Declares That Nothing Has Been Yet Proved Against Him.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Following the advantage gained by the testimony of the victim's widow, the prosecution in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains for complicity in the killing by his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., of William E. Annis brought forward additional evidence to prove the defendant was a principal in the Bay-side Yacht club murder. The following points were testified to by Morrell L. Downs and John C. Stevens, members of the Bay-side Yacht club:

That Thornton Hains went to the scene of the murder prepared to shoot anybody who interfered with his brother and that he said so openly.

That Thornton Hains, revolver in hand, shouted "Stand back!" to the crowd on the yacht club float after his brother had fired two shots at his victim and while the brother was firing four more.

That Thornton Hains immediately after the shooting declared that he himself was Captain Hains.

That the time that elapsed between the firing of the first and last of the six shots was of sufficient length to have permitted Thornton Hains to have taken steps he is said to have taken and to have pushed his revolver into the faces of the many frightened bystanders.

"When you know all the facts you will think differently," he cried. "I came down to protect my brother and would have shot anybody who interfered."

Thornton Hains gave out the following statement:

"During the examination of witnesses I have been careful to note every point made for or against me.

"All in all, I have every reason to feel satisfied. The trial so far as it has now progressed has, to my mind, contained nothing but contradictions on the part of the state's witnesses.

"For instance, John C. Stevens testified under cross examination that he did not see me press my gun against the back of any woman.

"Further than that, he was obliged to admit to Mr. McIntyre that he did not see me point a pistol at any one.

"As a matter of fact, his testimony was that he did not even see Mrs. Annis on the float, as she claimed on the stand that she was.

"The best he could give was that he had seen six or seven persons moving about on the float.

"Again when questioned whether or not he had heard Mrs. Annis call out as her husband approached in his boat, 'Hurrah, my sweetheart has won!' he, the witness, stated that he had not.

"This witness alone corroborates against his desire the contention made by my lawyers that none of these things occurred on that tragic day.

"Morrell L. Downs also greatly aided me when he gave evidence that I had used the words, 'Stand back; this is a job for the police,' and that I had made use of this expression twice, for that is just what I did say.

"This witness, Downs, also proved a boomerang to the state's side when he declared, 'I saw no woman on the pier,' as this nullifies Mrs. Annis' testimony that she was there."

### RUSSIAN WOMEN'S CONGRESS

Mrs. Ida Husted Harper of New York One of the Speakers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The women's congress, composed of 400 delegates from various parts of Russia, began its session here today.

Mme. Anna Filosofoff, the mother of the noted writer, Dmitri Filosofoff, was warmly greeted as the pioneer in the movement.

Foreign speakers are here also, including Mrs. Ida Husted Harper of New York.

### POPE RECEIVES IRELAND.

Greatly Pleased With Archbishop's Report of His Diocese.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The pope received Archbishop Ireland in private audience today.

Mgr. Ireland talked with his holiness about his diocese, building a new cathedral in St. Paul and a pro-cathedral in Minneapolis.

The pontiff was greatly pleased with this news and expressed a desire to see the archbishop again before he goes.

### THE CORN EXPOSITION.

The King of All Grains and His Reign at Omaha.

The success of the second annual corn exposition at Omaha from Dec. 9 to 19 proves once again that corn is still king. The monarch of the grains, holding sway in the Omaha Auditorium and annex, seems to have had no difficulty in maintaining supremacy



EMBLEM OF THE EXPOSITION.

despite the number and variety of exhibits from all parts of the United States and from many distant corners of the world.

One of the most interesting exhibits showed visitors, both experts and laymen, just what is being done to save the great corn crops of the south from the ravages of the infamous weevil. A corn hospital was established where "sick" kernels, showing traces of the attacks of their boring enemies, were treated with hydrocyanic gas, which destroys both bug and larvae. Much to the satisfaction of all concerned, exhibitors in the extreme south state that the weevil is under nearly absolute control and is on the verge of total eradication.

That there has been as great advance in methods of cultivating and producing Uncle Sam's star crop as in many others of his great industries was forcefully illustrated at Omaha in the "manufacturers' section" of the exposition. Side by side were placed the old time implements and the most modern and almost human farm machinery and equipment. Of the latest types the new "corn planter" held forth with the guarantee to plant three kernels to a hill ninety-nine times out of a hundred or pay a considerable forfeit. Then there is a new husker, a machine that shoots the corn into a wagon and blows the husks and blades directly into the barn. An up to date gang plow claims to do as much work with three horses as is usually accomplished with four.

A great boon to the corn raiser and a triumph of the science of cultivating and breeding the grain is the germination and testing process whereby it has been found by testing six kernels from each individual ear that an insurance policy could be taken out upon the "stand."

It has recently been stated that at the great Chicago stockyards even the formerly discarded squeal of the innocent pig is now being made use of, but the latest triumph in farm science bids fair to hold its own with the progress of the porkmakers. An entirely new paradise of economy is opened up to the tiller of the soil by the process of manufacturing low grade corn and other waste products into denatured alcohol, which product may be used in many sorts of engines necessary to the modern farm.

### AFRAID OF NIGHT RIDERS.

Woman Witness at Trial Insists on Having Armed Escort.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—W. L. Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses in the Night Riders' trial, was excused from the stand she turned to Judge Jones and said:

"I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know these men."

She was promised an escort of soldiers. Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the Night Riders, corroborated Fred Fehring's testimony and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band.

### Recovered.

"I understand you are a lawyer."  
"I was once."  
"Not practicing now?"  
"No; just trying to live it down."

### Liked His Company.

"Now, don't be a fool."  
"Why not?"  
"Why should you?"  
"Because I am fond of you."

### The Year 1908 Was Good to Us.

The man who enjoys saying "I told you so" has had numerous signs to encourage the habit since January, 1908, but the end of the year finds him taking to heart Hosea Biglow's advice, "Don't prophesy unless ye know." The business reaction which set in toward the close of 1907 nowhere amounted to an acute disturbance of profitable activities. The depression felt was due to arrive presidential year anyway; hence the responsibility for the unsteadiness noted cannot justly be laid to the panic—if there was a panic.

Pessimists were inclined to look for a social crisis as a sequel to business retrenchment, especially as the national polls invited the masses to voice whatever grievances they might harbor. On the one hand a landslide of radicalism was predicted, even threatened in some quarters, and on the other hand it was feared. Yet nothing unusual happened. A record crop kept the agricultural tollers busy, and in spite of high prices for food products there has not been scarcity anywhere in the land of a degree to warrant putting the entry "Hard times" in the diary of 1908.

Contrary to misgivings at home and abroad, the Pacific cruise awakened no resentment on the part of rival powers interested in the far east. The Japanese accorded the personnel of the fleet a magnificent welcome in port, and the good will of the mikado's government was pledged in the identical notes exchanged Nov. 30 between the two countries by which mutual rights in the Pacific sphere were formally acknowledged. Thus our sole international entanglement was happily solved.

### POLICEMAN IN SING SING.

Sent There For Nine Years For Attack Upon a Girl.

Sing Sing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Policeman William E. Hughes, convicted of an attack on Louise Maurer, aged eleven, was brought here today to serve a sentence of nine years.

Hughes ran off to Ireland after the attack on the girl in Prospect park. He came back two weeks ago and was caught. He pleaded guilty. Hughes had been a policeman for fifteen years.

### BIGGEST CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Chicago Postoffice Authorities Arrange to Handle Eight Hundred Tons.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—More than 1,000,000 Christmas letters and parcels aggregating in weight 250 tons passed through the Chicago postoffice today. The officials have arranged to handle about 800 tons within the next three days.

The business is largely in excess of any previous year's holiday rush.

### BRYAN OPPOSES RAISE.

Says President of United States Gets Enough Salary Now.

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 22.—William J. Bryan, who spoke here today, was asked his opinion of the bill which has been introduced in congress making the salary of the president of the United States \$100,000.

He said: "No, no. He gets enough now, or least I think so. I wouldn't be in favor of any such bill."

### COUNCILMEN INDICTED.

Seven Pittsburgh City Legislators Are Accused of Bribery.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Seven councilmen, members of the finance committee of common and select councils of this city, have been indicted for bribery and receiving bribes and also for the alleged corruption of other members of the council in the passage of various kinds of legislation during the past two years.

The charges were preferred by the Civic Voters' league of this city. The men were released on bonds ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

### Plot to Assassinate Belle.

Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 22.—Let ters received here tell of the discovery of a plot to assassinate General Belle, commander of Fort San Carlos, at Maracaibo. The conspirators were captured and shot.

### MORTGAGE TAX LAW UPHOLD

United States Supreme Court Declares It Constitutional.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The constitutionality of the mortgage tax law of New York state is upheld in a decision rendered by the supreme court of the United States in the case of T. E. Padell against the city of New York.

Justice Holmes holds that the fourteenth amendment to the constitution does not prohibit a state from imposing a tax on lands to cover all interests involved. His decision sustains the supreme court of New York.

### ACCUSED GRAFTERS FLEE.

Six Municipal Officials of Pittsburgh Afraid to Meet Charges.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—Six municipal officials implicated with those already arrested on charges of graft, bribery and conspiracy in regard to the voting of franchises have fled the city, fearing to face the charges.

The people of Pittsburgh are amazed beyond description, not to say stunned, by the sudden revelation of scandal affecting the city council.

It is intimated that even more startling developments will soon follow the arrest of seven councilmen and two bankers on charges of conspiracy, corrupt solicitations and bribery.

These charges are made in connection with municipal legislation and particularly with the selection of depositaries of the city's funds.

According to the best information obtainable it is possible the municipal scandal of San Francisco will be insignificant when compared to the grafting here.

Attorney A. Leo Well, president of the Voters' league, said: "This is the beginning. The end is not yet."

Rumors are heard that men interested in traction companies in this city and Philadelphia are implicated in the bribery scandal.

### HOLLAND EXPECTS HEIR.

Official Announcement in Chamber of Deputies Received With Cheers.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—It was officially announced in the chamber of deputies that Queen Wilhelmina was in an interesting condition, and the statement was greeted with joyful "bravos."

Her majesty's physicians conclude their announcement with these words,



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

"We rejoice to be able to state that all signs are in consonance with an absolutely perfect state of health." The event is expected early in the spring.

The hopes of the Dutch people for an heir to the throne of Holland have twice before been disappointed. The queen is twenty-eight years old. Her husband is Prince Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

### PRESIDENT ENJOYS BUNYAN.

Says Great Heart in "Pilgrim's Progress" Is His Favorite.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Great Heart, a character in Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," is President Roosevelt's favorite character in allegorical literature. The president considers "Pilgrim's Progress" one of the greatest books ever written, and Abraham Lincoln he deems the ideal Great Heart of public life.

This is revealed by the Rev. Duncan C. Milner, a retired Presbyterian minister, who received a letter from the president, as follows:

Great Heart is my favorite character in allegory (which is, of course, a branch of fiction, as you say), just as Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" is to my mind one of the greatest books that ever was written, and I think that Abraham Lincoln is the ideal Great Heart of public life.

### MINERS STRIKE ENDED.

Operators Agree to Work Only Union Men in Their Mines.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Two thousand striking miners in the Paint creek coal mining section returned to work today.

The strikers conceded the "long run," and the operators agreed to the old scale, the "check off" and the elimination of a "discrimination" clause.

This means that in the future operators may work only union men in their mines.

### And to Forgive, Divine.

"Your honor—er—this case—er—er," the stammering lawyer spoke. "What makes you 'er' so much?" his honor cried. The lawyer thought he saw a chance to perpetrate a joke. And, "To err is only human, sir," replied. —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### The Indian Athlete.

Uneasy lies the head that wears a wreath won on the athletic field. There is no feat possible for any man that some other man will not risk his life to excel. Hayes won the Olympic Marathon by a narrow margin, and the next best man that day, Dorando, outran him on another trial. But Dorando had to yield a few days later to Longboat, an Indian runner who owes the very best that is in him to the game. The Indian went into the International Marathon last summer with a record that called for better fortune than his pitiful collapse in the twentieth mile.

Longboat comes of a race noted for swift and hardy footmen. To "run like an Indian" was enough to make a white athlete famous in the early American settlements. The trick was not altogether a matter of high speed, but of covering long distances across country and coming out as fresh as Longboat showed himself to be from his twenty-sixth mile at Madison Square Garden, when his competitor lay in a collapse. The whites long ago set themselves up as schoolmasters for the red men. Mr. Savage must be civilized. Perhaps his time has come to teach the overcivilized whites some things which, after all, ennobled his savage simple life.

### The Uplift in the Mountains.

Lincoln university, for the support of which money will be solicited in connection with the Lincoln centenary, is not merely another educational aid nor is it a useless competitor for other institutions. It is maintained for the practical training of mountaineers who but for its open doors will live without half a chance in case they stay in the mountains and fight against enormous odds if they leave the hills for crowded marts. In its ambition the university may be called an experiment. But the mission proclaimed is not farfetched. There is need of uplift work in those very mountains.

Farther south in the mountains of Georgia a young society woman of St. Louis established a pioneer "settlement" a few years ago which has proved that the idea of carrying culture to the poorest soil is worth while. Beginning with five boys in 1902, she now conducts an establishment comprising a laundry, truck farm, school and library and dairy, the work being done by pupils, some of whom pay their way by labor. However ignorant and ragged at the start, the material of the wild hills is good. Not alone native ruggedness, but native honesty, is the heritage of those children, whose forebears were in the main Scotch-Irish immigrants.

### TREE CRUSHES HUBBARD.

Author Nearly Killed When Trunk Falls on Him in Woods.

Buffalo, Dec. 23.—Elbert Hubbard, the Roycroftier and author, was nearly killed by a falling tree in the woods near his East Aurora colony.

Miscalculating the direction in which one of the trees was going to fall, he got in the way and was badly crushed.

### PRESIDENT'S COUSIN SAFE.

Turns Up All Right After He Was Supposed to Be Lost.

Berkeley, Cal., Dec. 23.—Dr. Frederick D. Taft, a third cousin of the president elect, who was supposed to be lost with his cousin, Walter J. Watson, turned up safely today.

They went to Bouldin Island to hunt ducks, intending to return the next day, but were obliged to camp out.

The government expects to put \$13,000,000 in collecting and printing the next census. If we were in dead earnest about retrenching, we would all chip in the necessary data and save the treasury about \$10,000,000 of that money.

### Stacks of Mahogany Burned.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Fire destroyed immense stacks of mahogany in the extensive lumber yards of the George D. Emery company, importers of mahogany, at Chelsea.

Londoners have the big head because plants have been put in their subway. Some of our subways have been planted and replanted and not a few sane people are kicking to have them transplanted.

That puglist who has "gone into literature" is probably getting ready against the inevitable to give Editor Roosevelt a choice of weapons.

So marvelous is our climate that one may step from summer into winter and not be aware of doing a stretch.

## LOOT FOR CASTRO

### Discovery That President Took \$35,000,000.

Further Disclosures as to His Plot to Have Vice President Gomez

Assassinated in the Palace at Caracas.

Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 23.—It has been discovered that prior to his departure for Europe President Cipriano Castro forwarded to Paris and German bankers sums aggregating \$35,000,000.

It is clear from the financial and other arrangements he made that Castro never intended to return here, but that it was his purpose to enjoy his wealth in Europe.

Further disclosures make it clear that Castro inspired an attempt to assassinate Acting President Vicente Gomez.

Secret cipher cablegrams have passed between President Castro in Berlin and his agents here since the popular anti-Castro demonstration of Dec. 13 and 14.

A prominent lawyer has filed an accusation in the high federal court charging President Castro with complicity in the attempted assassination and proposing his impeachment.

There was a meeting Friday night of the plotters in the residence in Caracas of Garkiras Guzman, who was secretary general in the last Castro cabinet and who was placed in charge of President Castro's personal business in Venezuela when the president left for Germany.

The conspirators decided upon a coup d'etat. They determined to assassinate Acting President Gomez, Jose de Jesus Paul, the foreign minister; General Leopoldo Baptista and other prominent men, seize the administration of the country and with the army terrorize and overawe the population.

In spite of the precautions taken an intimation of what was on foot reached the ears of Acting President Gomez. As soon as he had satisfied himself of the truth of the reports he took immediate steps to frustrate the attempt.

He went alone on foot to the barracks in Caracas, where a mutinous regiment under the command of President Castro's brother was quartered. With unexampled courage he entered the building and placed the brother of the president under arrest.

He then went to the executive mansion, where he found Torres-Cardenas, the chief of the conspirators. He seized Torres-Cardenas by the shoulders and, shaking him roughly, said:

"I have discovered your plot to assassinate me. You are my prisoner."

Torres-Cardenas tried to use his revolver on the acting president, but Gomez was too quick for him. He plucked the man's arms and called the guard. Torres-Cardenas was seized and disarmed and hurried away to jail.

These two arrests, made single handed by Gomez, broke the back of the plot. Others arrested were Garkiras Guzman, Lopez Baralt, minister of the interior; Senor Bermudez, director of the national telegraph system; Commander Casanova, Commander Angulo and other adherents of Castro.

Jose de Jesus Paul, the former minister of foreign affairs, left for Europe today on a diplomatic mission to settle all outstanding disputes with foreign powers.

Acting President Gomez has issued a proclamation as follows:

Fellow Patriots—I assumed charge of the presidency of Venezuela under the terms of the constitution. From the first I endeavored to conciliate the aspirations of the people with my high obligations, and to this end I established, in accordance with our national institutions, an administration that recognized all personal and public guarantees.

Unfortunately my good intentions met with incomprehensible hindrance on the part of intimate friends of General Castro. Not only did these persons block the carrying out by me of my legal duties, but they stooped to conspiracy and elaborated a diabolical plot against my life.

This conspiracy was crushed when I personally faced the plotters and imprisoned them. By so doing I saved more than my personal existence. I maintained the manly prestige of the chief magistracy of the republic, which it is my ambition to convert into a fountain of good for all Venezuelans.

I have constituted a cabinet representing the public opinion of Venezuela, and with the collaboration of my ministers I intend to enforce the constitutional guarantees, to respect the autonomy of the various states of the Venezuelan republic, to protect local industries against odious manipulation, to find a decorous and pacific solution of our international disputes, to live at peace and with harmony at home and abroad and to permit the law alone to hold undisputed sovereignty throughout the land.

Venezuelan revolutionists who have been living in Curacao, the chief of whom is General Gregorio Riera, have been invited by Gomez to come to Caracas and join hands with the new government.